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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet Troops in PLauen

EVALUATION [REDACTED]

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED]

2. The following information was obtained on the PLauen kasernes:

a. Alte Infanterie Kaserne:

13 October 1949

Troops returned from maneuvers.

The following materiel was observed to be entrained:

Six 76.2-mm AT guns

Eight 105-mm field howitzers

Convoy of 10 trucks [REDACTED]

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Convoy of trucks [REDACTED]

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Five trucks [REDACTED]

Passenger car [REDACTED] occupied by a lieutenant colonel wearing white epaulets.

Horch Sedan U 25-20, occupied by a colonel.

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26 October 1949

Four 105-mm howitzers and ten 76.2-mm AT guns were seen in the kaserne area.

2 November 1949

The kaserne was occupied by troops.

One company of soldiers underwent drill practice. Maintenance work was done on [REDACTED] 76.2-mm AT guns.

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b. Hindenburg Kaserne:

12 and 13 October 1949

The troops returned from a summer camp. The following troops and materiel were observed to be detrained: About 50 motor vehicles, mostly trucks,

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Two SU 76 SP guns

Four 76.2-mm AT guns

Four boxcar loads of ammunition

One major

Ten other officers and numerous EM.

2 November 1949

The kaserne was occupied by infantry units of about one battalion and allegedly by a regimental headquarters.

Numerous trucks,

were seen in front of, and in the garages.

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c. Former Artillery Kaserne:

14 October 1949:

Troops returned from maneuvers.

Trucks were seen towing fifteen 76.2-mm AT guns with limbers and four 105-mm field howitzers.

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2 November 1949

The kaserne was occupied by artillery units of about two battalions.

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37-mm and 76.2-mm AT guns and 105-mm field howitzers with limbers were stored in the large garages of the kaserne.

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Field Comments:

a. The report shows that the PLAUE units of the 39th Gds Rgt Rifle Div returned from maneuvers on 13 and 14 October 1949.

b. According to available information, the PLAUE kaserne are occupied as follows:

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(1) Koenig Georg Kaserne (Alte Infanterie Kaserne):

? No. Arty Regt [REDACTED] of the 39th Gds Ktz Rifle Div

(2) Mindenburg Kaserne (Alte Infanterie Kaserne):

(a) 112th Gds Ktz Rifle Regt [REDACTED]

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(b) Elements of ? No. Arty Regt [REDACTED]

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(c) Elements of the 15th Gds Tank Regt (?).

(3) Kirchbach Kaserne (former Artillerie Kaserne):

(a) Arty Bn of the 112th Gds Ktz Rifle Regt

(b) ? Arty (AT?) units of the 39th Gds Ktz Rifle Div.

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